

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An inkjet recording medium;
~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:
a support; and
~~one or more~~ an ink receiving layer(s) supported on said support,
each of said ink receiving layer(s) comprising a porous foamed hydrophilic polymer,
wherein the one or more ink receiving layer(s) are essentially capable of absorbing dye from an applied ink within the polymer instead of being held in pores located between particles, thereby improving image stability.
2. (original) A medium according to claim 1, in which the porous hydrophilic polymer is swellable.
3. (original) A medium according to claim 1, in which said ink receiving layer includes a crosslinker.
4. (original) A medium according to claim 1, in which said ink receiving layer includes a surfactant.
5. (original) A medium according to claim 1, in which the porous hydrophilic polymer includes at least one polymer selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol, polyethylene oxide, polyvinyl pyrrolidone and gelatin.
6. (original) A medium according to claim 1, in which the support is made of a material selected from the group consisting of resin-coated paper, PET, acetate and printing plate.

7. (previously presented) A medium according to claim 4, in which the surfactant is a fluoro-surfactant.

8. (cancelled)

9. (original) A medium according to claim 4, in which the proportion by weight of surfactant to coating solution used in the preparation of the medium is in an amount from about 0.01% to about 2.0%, preferably, about 0.01% to about 1.0%.

10. (original) A medium according to claim 1, the porous hydrophilic polymer being formed by the decomposition of a blowing agent in a solution of said hydrophilic polymer.

11. (original) A medium according to claim 10, in which the proportion by weight of blowing agent used in the preparation of said medium to hydrophilic polymer is up to about 200%.

12. (original) A medium according to claim 11, in which the proportion by weight of blowing agent used in the preparation of said medium to hydrophilic polymer is in an amount from about 10% to about 60%, preferably about 30% to about 50%.

13. (new) A medium according to claim 1, in which the one or more ink receiving layer(s) consist essentially of a porous foamed hydrophilic polymer and, optionally, a surfactant.